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The KRA

AS the unofficial watchdog of the interests and well-being of the inhabitants of Kowloon, the Kowloon Residents' Association performs a signal service, the value and importance of which is possibly more appreciated by Government than by those for whom it is rendered. This may help to explain the ridiculously small membership which the 34-year-old Association has today, representing as it does an urban area which has now become almost a metropolis.

Self-centredness and apathy concerning civic affairs may be the underlying cause for the aloofness of Kowloon residents towards their own Association, but the KRA itself may be in part to blame. It runs the danger of being victimised by its own modesty. This Association has not sought publicity for what we regard as the discharge of our obligation to the community," declared Mr A. de O. Sales, the President, at the annual meeting on Monday. This, we believe, is a mistaken policy. Any work which results in benefit to the community should be proclaimed, if for no other reason than discouraging beneficiaries from taking things for granted. But equally important, credit should be given where credit is due.

BECAUSE the KRA works so quietly behind the scenes through its various sub-committees, its day to day activities remain unknown, and in consequence, unappreciated. Nor does the annual report fully correct this lack of regular publicity. Despite the highly modest tone of the report, it is obvious that in the course of a year certain improvements in public amenities and other forms of well-being which make themselves apparent in Kowloon are due directly to the intervention and practical suggestions of the Kowloon Residents' Association. Where this is so, it should be made known by the Association to the inhabitants of Kowloon. Otherwise, how are they to realise the KRA is functioning effectively?

THE restricted status of the Kowloon Residents' Association—it is purely an advisory body—probably also clouds the public's view of its importance and value in Kowloon civic affairs. Yet Government's willingness to co-operate with the Association, to listen attentively to its proposals and not infrequently act upon them, illustrates that the KRA has earned for itself an official prestige far beyond its purely legal status.

The rapid and constant growth of urban Kowloon demands that the KRA should have a membership of thousands, not hundreds, if the organisation is to be truly representative, and to speak with authority on behalf of the community which it seeks to serve. Officialdom cannot be expected to stimulate membership, much though it may admire and appreciate the work of the KRA; that task rests with the Association—a task which might be considerably facilitated if the KRA embarks on a policy of letting the public know about its achievements as they transpire.

11th HOUR BIDS TO SAVE BEVAN

Powerful Union Groups Plea For Unity ATTLEE CONFERS

Mar. 23.

The Labour Party National Executive committee meets today to decide whether to expel rebel leader, Mr Aneurin Bevan from the party.

But yesterday there were these new developments:

- France-Press reported that Mr Attlee, leader of the Opposition, met Mr Bevan to work out a compromise formula to halt the split in the Labour ranks;
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Powerful trade union groups last night made 11th hour efforts to save Mr Bevan from expulsion from the 8,400,000 strong Labour Party.

Mr Bevan, by 141 votes to 112, was "disowned" from the Parliamentary Labour Party last week. Today the party's governing caucus, the 28-member National Executive committee, meets to decide whether to follow this up by expelling him from the Labour movement itself.

Yesterday the Executive Committee of the National Union of Railmen passed a resolution asking that Mr Bevan be readmitted to the Parliamentary group and stressed their opposition to attempts to expel him.

The Executive Committee of the Amalgamated Engineering Union sent a letter to the Secretary of the Party saying it in no way condoned Mr Bevan's Parliamentary action on March 2 (when he publicly challenged Mr Clement Attlee), but it considered his expulsion from the party would be against the interests of all members.

The Communist-led Scottish Area of National Mine-workers Union adopted a resolution at a delegate conference yesterday calling for the Parliamentary ban on Mr Bevan to be ended. The vote was 139 to eight.

Friends of the left-winger last night hoped he might be saved by the Socialist League, which is a party unit to fight an early general election.

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Dulles Gives Pledge On Disarmament Talks

Washington, Mar. 22.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the US Secretary of State, said today the London disarmament conference would continue "as long as there is the slightest advantage to be gained" in the search for a workable plan.

"The United States (in the London talks) is faithfully carrying forward its efforts to find a formula for effective and safeguarded disarmament," Mr Dulles said.

The London talks began on February 23. They were attended by the representatives of the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union, France, and Canada. These talks were being held in secret, but there has been pessimism over chances that disarmament progress would be made there.

Mr Dulles's statement was designed to dispel any feeling that Mr Eisenhower's appointment of Mr Harold E. Stassen to the new post of Special Assistant on disarmament problems meant that the United States was giving up the London talks.

Officials said that Mr Stassen's job did not conflict, and in fact, was designed to probe into the disarmament question over a long period of time.—United Press.

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CHURCHILL VISITS THE QUEEN



Sir Winston The Queen

Talks On Retirement?

London, Mar. 22. Sir Winston Churchill, confronted on all sides with reports that he will retire from the Premiership early in April, went to Buckingham Palace tonight for his weekly talk with Queen Elizabeth on affairs of state.

This is normally one of Sir Winston's routine visits to the palace. He is not expected to tell the Sovereign officially the date on which he wishes to give up his office though the present wave of speculation, and the 80-year-old statesman's plans were believed to have been discussed.

Earlier in the House of Commons, Sir Winston Churchill gradually side-stepped Opposition attempts to draw him on the date of the hand-over to Sir Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary.

Political quarters, while recognising the Prime Minister's pious capacity for changing his mind at the last moment, seemed still agreed tonight that the date is cast on his early retirement. Their main pre-occupation now is with the General Election likely to follow shortly after Sir Anthony Eden's succession.

The Conservative Party is anxiously watching the trend of Parliamentary by-elections to see what effect the current internal dissensions in the Labour Party have had on the electorate.

The Party's troubles will reach a climax tomorrow when Labour's governing caucus, the National Executive Committee, meets to decide whether or not to expel left-winger Mr Aneurin Bevan, who has been in feud with its old-guard for years.

By this first week of next month the Conservatives will also be able to study the results of national-wide elections in local County Councils which may give a pointer to the Government's present prestige and reveal whether the tide of opinion is running against Labour.—Reuter.

BAILEY GIVEN BAIL FOR APPEAL CASE

An application for bail brought by Albert Francis Bailey, 34, merchant, pending his appeal against conviction was heard by the Full Court, comprising the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. R. Gregg this morning.

The Court took the view that in the ordinary way the applicant had no special reasons for being allowed bail, but it was of the opinion that as he would need some time at liberty for the purpose of preparing his appeal, the Court decided to release Bailey on bail on a few days prior to the hearing of the appeal.

Bailey was unanimously found guilty on three counts of libel by a jury and sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr Justice J. Reynolds, Acting Puisne Judge at the Criminal Sessions on January 27 last.

Bailey was also ordered by the Trial Judge to enter, at the end of his sentence, into his own recognisance for \$1,000 and to find a surety of \$1,000, in default of which he was to serve another year in prison.

Bailey was allowed bail of \$5,000 cash during his trial which lasted nearly six weeks. (Cont'd on back page, Col. 3)

Low IQ Soldiers To Leave Europe

Stuttgart, Mar. 22. The US Army in Europe is about to get rid of all its morons, the army headquarters announced today. Between now and the end of June, some 5,000 soldiers and non-commissioned officers—selected for "the mediocrity of their intelligence and their incapacity" will be removed from Europe.—France-Press.

Stump Appointed

Washington, Mar. 22. US Pacific Fleet Commander Admiral Frank J. Stinson has been appointed military adviser to the US delegation to the newly established Southeast Asian Defence Council, the Defence Department announced today.—France-Press.

'Faux Pas' Diplomat Suspended

Bonn, Mar. 22.

The President of the German Federal Republic has "suspended" Oscar Schlitter, First Secretary of the Embassy in London from his duties for an indefinite period.

The German diplomat was recalled from London at the beginning of the year after a number of alleged anti-British remarks had been made by his wife, Daisy, during an Embassy Christmas party. She allegedly described Britain as "enemy territory."

The Schlitters are now in London. They flew from Bonn on March 15 to settle their private affairs. The Schlitters' two children, Martin, 21, and Alexander, 12, remained in London when Herr Schlitter was first recalled to explain his wife's reported comment on Britain.—Reuter.

Eisenhower Pleads For Freer Trade

Washington, Mar. 22.

President Eisenhower said today it would be fatal to let selfish interests in the United States block freer trade in the non-Communist world.

He reaffirmed his intention to press for a liberalised trade policy.

Addressing the annual meeting of the advertising council, he called for Americans to understand that it was in their own interests to open the United States market to a greater extent to friendly countries.

Mr Eisenhower said the peoples of Asia had to have a sound material basis of physical welfare if they were to appreciate the spiritual values of democracy. A liberalised trade pattern would be a means to this end.

If other peoples were helped in this way there would be no more hope for Communism in the world than for "one of us to take off on a flight to the moon without the aid of science," he declared.

Mr Eisenhower said if all peoples were assured of their individual dignity, and physical well-being, they would not surrender to the blandishments of the Communists.

He said, in his opinion, it would be fatal if an accumulation of complaints by each industry or by each district in the United States were to block a genuine economic union of the free world.—Reuter.

New British Atomic Plane Plan

London, Mar. 22.

An atom-powered plane which could fly round the world about 25,000 miles non-stop without refuelling was described as a possibility in a report made public today by British atomic scientists.

The scientists, who published their reports after research at the Harwell Atomic Centre in Berkshire, worked in co-operation with aeronautical experts.

The scientists pointed out two snags, however, the building of such a plane would take a long time, and it would still depend on their calculations being correct and applicable in practice.

One of the Harwell reports referred to building an "atomic" plane with a vertical take-off for carrying troops.—France-Press.

Duke Leaves Malta

Valletta, Malta, Mar. 22.

The Duke of Edinburgh left Malta in the Royal Yacht Britannia today at the end of his visit to the island.

The Home and Mediterranean Fleets which the Duke has watched during recent exercises off the "Britannia" out of Harbourg.

There is to be another short exercise of the two fleets after which the Home Fleet will accompany the Britannia to Britain.—Reuter.

New Deputy Foreign Minister Appointed

London, Mar. 22.

Mr Vassili V. Kuznetsov, a square-jawed engineer who studied in the United States in the 1930's, was today appointed a First Deputy Foreign Minister, Moscow Radio said.

The Foreign Minister, Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, thus has as a senior right-hand man a party boss known to be a favourite of Mr Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.

Mr Kuznetsov was for many years leader of the powerful Soviet Trade Union movement until Stalin died. He is a top-ranking politician rather than a career diplomat.

On Stalin's death he was immediately appointed a Deputy Foreign Minister and was sent to Peking as the first envoy of the Malenkov regime to Communist China.

He stayed there for several months before returning to Moscow towards the end of 1953 to take up a post at the Foreign Office.

AT GENEVA

Mr Kuznetsov was deputy leader of the Soviet delegation to the Geneva conference on Indo-China and Korea last summer.

Today's Moscow Radio announcement made no mention of the position of Mr Andrei A. Gromyko, who was previously the only Soviet diplomat to rank as First Deputy Foreign Minister.

It is assumed he continues to hold this post.

Mr Vladimir Semenov, a former Russian High Commissioner in East Germany, ranks as one of the Kremlin's top German experts.

TOP-RANKING

He left East Germany in July last year, and became head of the Central European section of the Russian Foreign Ministry.

Mr Semenov is a top-ranking Communist.

Mr Fedotenko has until now been a counsellor of the Soviet Foreign Ministry. As such he attended last year's four-power Berlin conference and the Geneva conference.

He was known to be in charge of the Foreign Ministry's Far Eastern department. He was formerly a counsellor of the Soviet Embassy in Communist China.—Reuter.

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Russian Youth Flees To The West

Berlin, Mar. 22.

The 17-year-old son of a Soviet colonel attached to the Berlin Schoenefeld airbase fled to West Berlin and demanded asylum of the American authorities. His request was later granted. The refugee is Valery Alexandrovich Lytkov, son of Lt-Col. Lytkov, General George Hosen, US Military Commander in Berlin informed the Soviet

Command headquarters that Lytkov had asked for and received asylum and requested that the parents of the youth be informed.

He also said that if the parents wanted to talk to their son, they could do so in the American sector of Berlin in the presence of American officers. Lytkov told the press that he wanted to have nothing more to do with Communism. He

thought Russia was "wretched" and he wanted to breathe fresh air.

He made the decision to flee to the West by himself, he said, after listening to the Russian language broadcasts of the "Voice of America" and the "Berlin Broadcast" Company. First, in Shanghai, where he was born, and then in East Germany.—France-Press.

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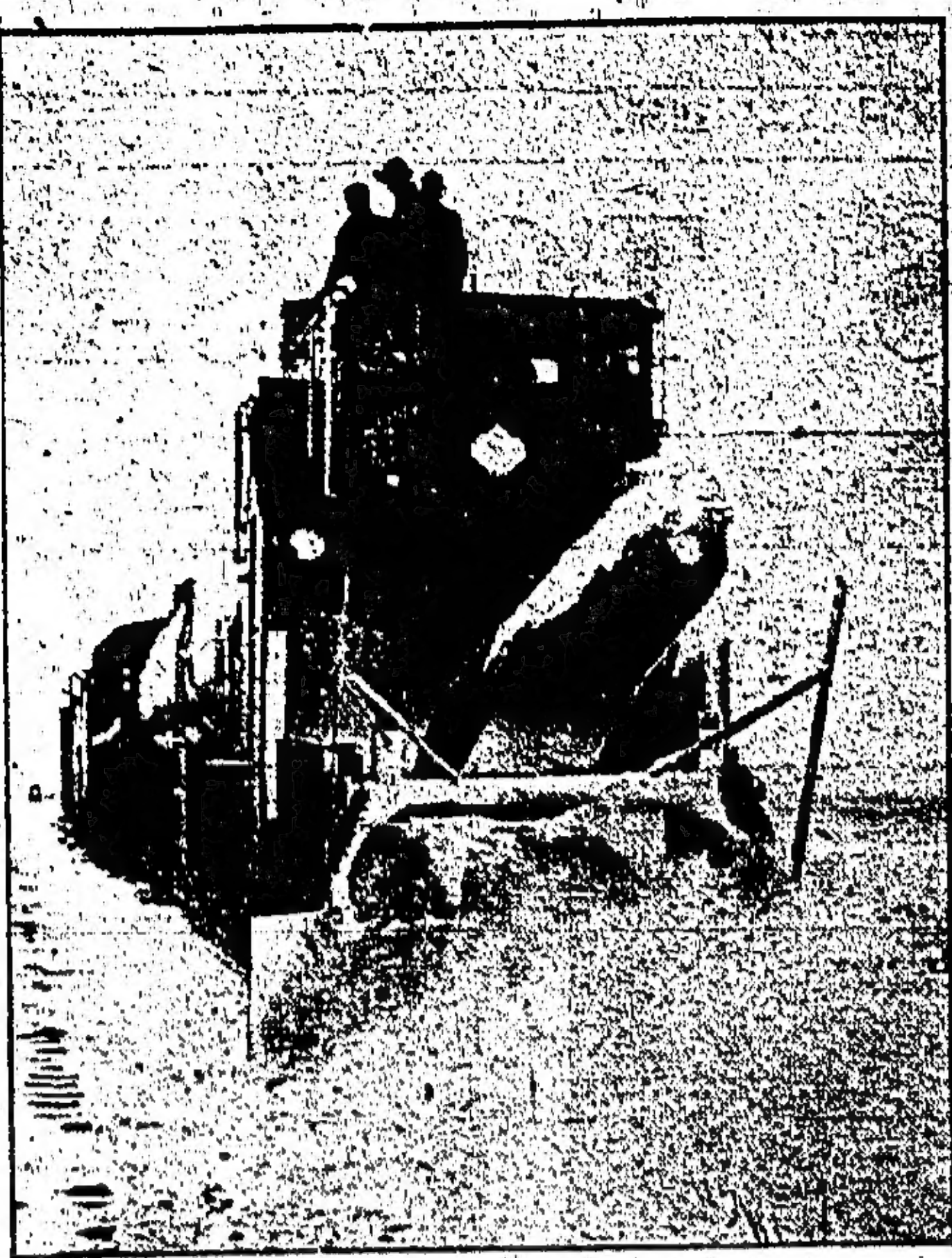
British Supply Of Material May Force America's Hand

By Harold Guard

London, Mar. 22.

High level Anglo-American talks on the sharing of fissionable materials are pending at which Britain will seek to use the abundance of British Commonwealth supplies as a lever to widen the scope of secret exchanges, informed sources said today.

Official departments dealing with this aspect of Anglo-American affairs would neither confirm nor deny that such a development was in prospect or that it could be connected with the forthcoming visit of Britain's top atomic scientist, Sir William Penney, to Washington.



Tackling the problem of keeping its tracks clear of snow is the Canadian Pacific Railway, and picture shows a giant snow melter at work. Snow is scooped off the lines by an endless belt which tips it into a huge tank. Here it is melted and pumped out again alongside the track. — Reuterphoto.

Egyptian Suggestion On Negev May Have Some Merit

London, Mar. 22.

Middle East observers had reason to believe today that the suggestion for a corridor between Egypt and Jordan across the lower half of Israel, voiced by Major Salah Salem on Sunday, might give the United Nations something to work on to bring about an Arab-Jew settlement.

There has been no official comment and the Foreign Office said that Egypt's claim for a land route linking with the other Arab States was "not new."

NO CONDITIONS

Officials said that Major Salem's suggestion had not been presented anew as "any sort of condition or price" for a settlement with Israel.

But there was no suggestion, that Major Salem's remarks were being discounted. On the contrary, observers believed that the revival of Egypt's claims showed a renewed readiness to discuss frontiers which,

to say the least, could give the United Nations something to talk about.

Neither was there any suggestion that either Britain or the United States would seek to "impose" any such solution for an Arab-Jew settlement, but, given a working basis it was hoped both sides could be brought together to talk about a frontier readjustment.

If Egypt is willing to give the Gaza strip to Jordan, providing it could be linked with Jordan through the Negev, observers here believe such a working basis would be provided. — United Press.

The Atomic Energy Authority said ever since World War II there had existed a "combined development agency" which dealt with the sources of supply and allocation of supplies of fissionable materials.

NO KNOWLEDGE

Officials could not say at which level this agency existed today, where its headquarters were, or where and when its meetings were held.

"We can only say that it exists today to deal with the sources and allocation of supplies of fissionable materials," an official said.

Officials said the combined development agency dealt with all sources of "fissionable material" supplies of which a "weighty proportion" came from Commonwealth countries.

Now that Britain has decided to go ahead with the construction of 12 atomic power plants plus the production of the H-bomb, it is recognized that Britain's plans may make considerable inroads on supplies available for the United States.

Officials would go no further than that or comment on unofficial reports that high level talks were in prospect to thrash out the matter.

"The combined development agency deals with these questions and it can be said that talks are going on all the time," an official said.

It was reliably understood, however, that both here and in the United States the question is one which has developed in importance beyond the agency's level and that higher level talks were in the offing.

NO COMMENT

Nobody would comment on the possibility that Sir William's visit to Washington was connected with these developments.

"Sir William is still here, and, as far as we know, there has been no official announcement that he is going to Washington," one official said.

A Ministry of Supply official said regarding the supply of fissionable materials it was safe to assume that Britain would seek to conserve Commonwealth supplies mainly to Commonwealth advantage.

It was not assumed that any Commonwealth member would concede an exclusive position to

Britain but it was agreed at the recent Commonwealth Premiers meeting that Britain should receive priority and that there should be no arrangements made for supplies to the United States which would tend to divide the Commonwealth.

Further, it was understood that the Commonwealth Premiers were reluctant to agree to allow the United States free access to Commonwealth sources of supply as long as America continued to refuse resumption of the wartime co-operation in nuclear development.

The argument was that development by the Commonwealth and by the United States in water-tight compartments wasted material at a time when, despite increasing sources of supply, the world was facing a shortage of fissionable ores as development programmes were expanded.

The United States cannot expect, so this argument runs, to get the lion's share of Commonwealth supplies when there is waste of development effort.

Even officials here conceded that wider exchange of information would save duplication of effort and thus conserve material supplies.

It was with this object in view, after initial talks at combined development agency level, that Sir William was expected soon to fly to Washington. — United Press.

Talks On Indo-China

London, Mar. 22.

A French-British-American Conference on Indo-China will probably take place before the end of April and on the deputy foreign minister level, informed sources disclosed here today.

Although neither the exact date nor the site of the conference was known, it was thought desirable to hold it just before the NATO meeting of Foreign Ministers, so that any unresolved questions on Indo-China could be settled at the time of the NATO meeting. — France-Press.

FRANCE WILL BE OUT IN THE COLD

London, Mar. 22.

A MOSCOW radio commentator broadcasting tonight in English said ratification of the Paris agreements to return West Germany would mean that France will be reduced to the status of a second rate power.

The commentator said the agreements gave German militarism a free hand "and this means that France will find herself face to face on her eastern border with a country armed to the teeth."

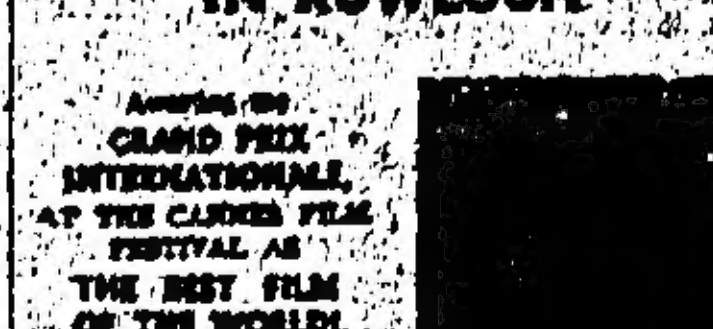
Referring to correspondence which passed in January between Sir Winston Churchill and M. Pierre Mendès France, then French Premier, the commentator said: "The British Premier had threatened France with international isolation if she refused to ratify the Paris pacts but it was ratification not rejection which would isolate her." — Reuter.

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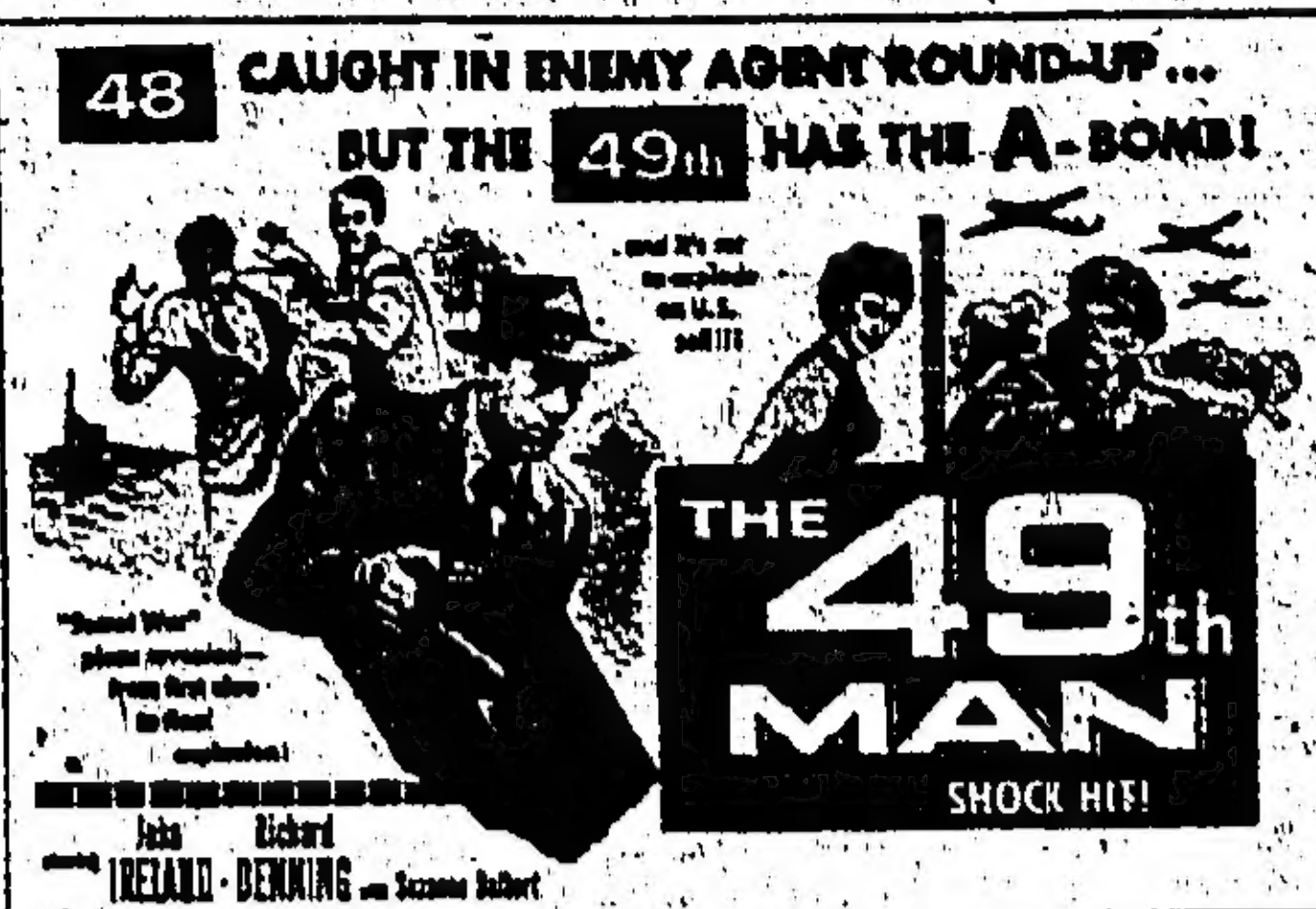
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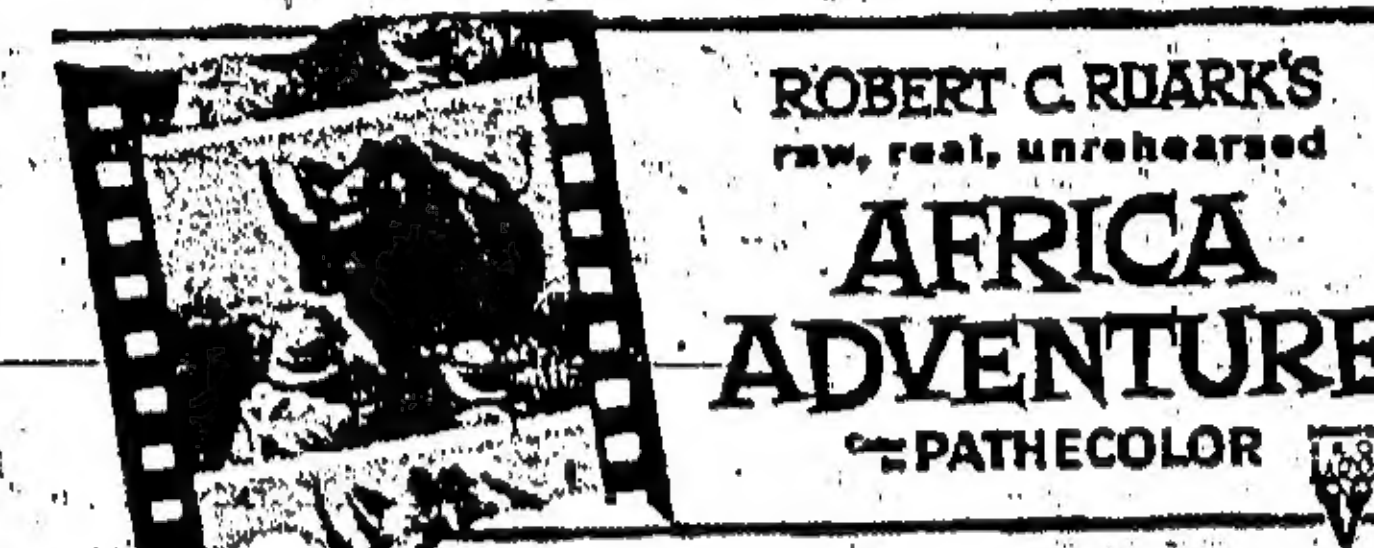
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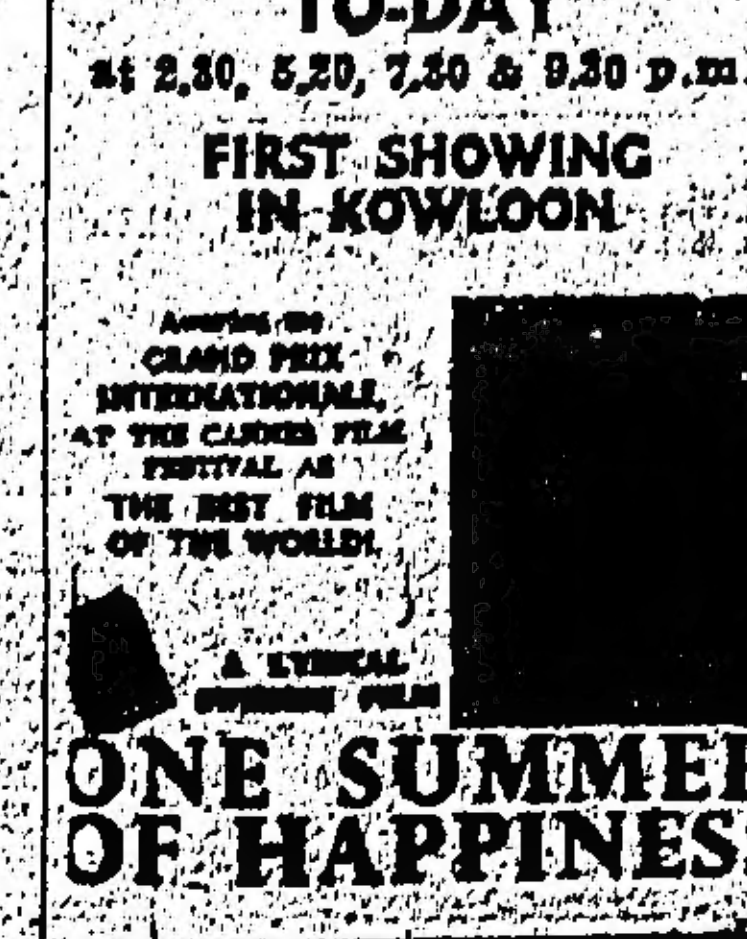
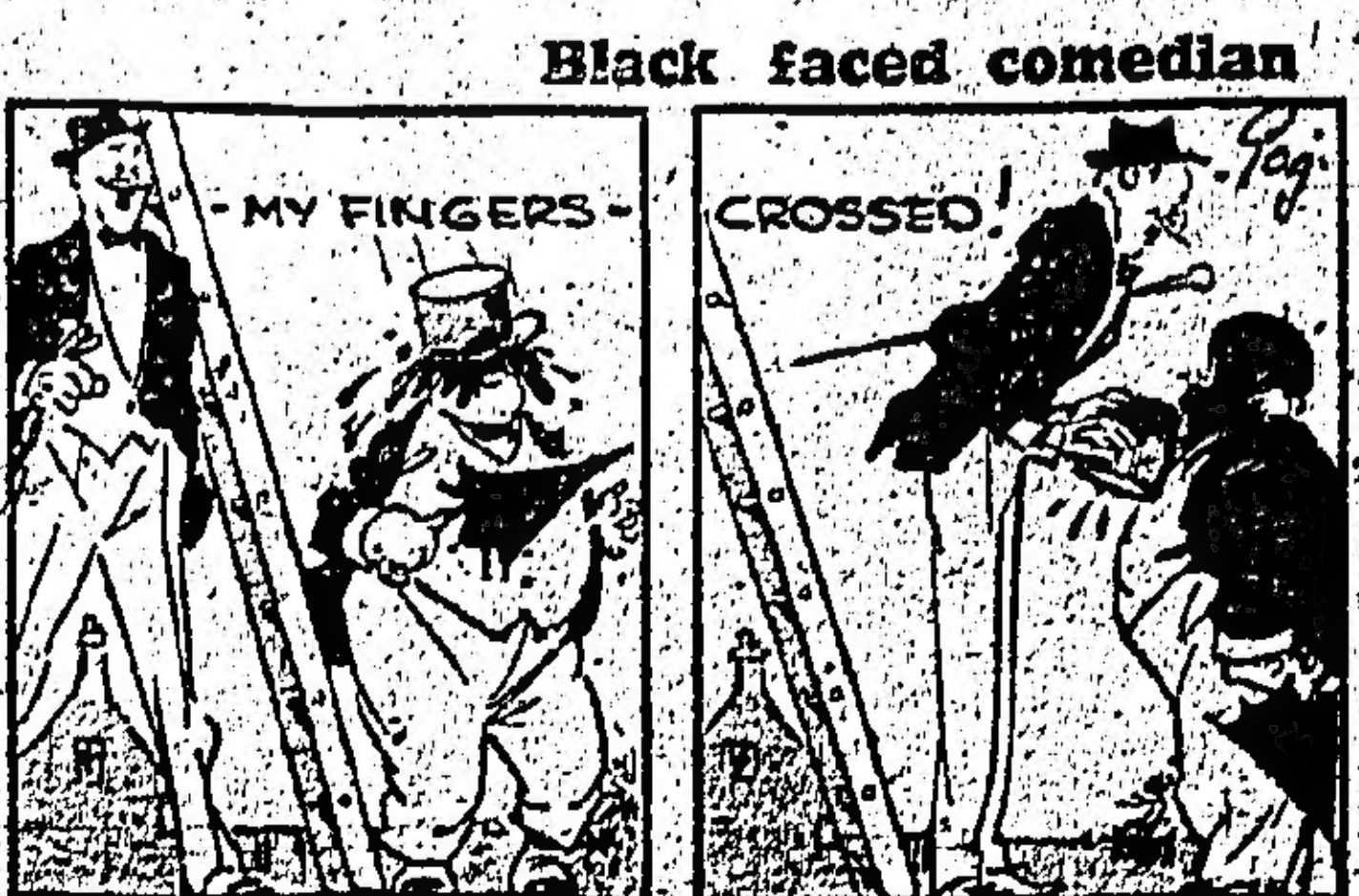
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SCELBA WINS VOTE

Rome, Mar. 22. Premier Mario Scelba won an important victory tonight on the eve of his departure for the United States when the Chamber of Deputies agreed to postpone Italy's local elections until 1956.

The elections were to have been held this year in 5,000 Italian Communes. The Lower House approved 298 to 232 a Government-sponsored bill to put off the voting.—United Press.

A HERO'S FUNERAL FOR RED MARSHAL

Moscow, Mar. 22. Russian Marshal Leonid Govorov was given a hero's funeral in Red Square here today, attended by the top political and military leaders of the Soviet Union.

The diplomatic corps was well represented with Mr. Charles Bohlen of the United States; Sir William Hayter of Great Britain and Mario Di Stefano of Italy prominent among the ambassadors.

The urn of ashes was carried on a bier drawn by six black horses surrounded by more than a hundred wreaths and the medals of the dead Marshal.

Marshal Georgi Zhukov, Minister of Defence, praised Govorov as a "faithful son of the Party and the people" after which the ashes were sealed in the wall of the Kremlin Palace.

The Soviet Council of Ministers has decreed that a memorial should be erected in memory of the late Marshal.—France-Press.

Yugoslav A-Energy Plants

Belgrade, Mar. 22. The Yugoslav Government today established a nuclear energy commission under Vice-President Alexander Rankovic, to plan and co-ordinate production of nuclear energy for industrial purposes.

Earlier this month President Tito announced Yugoslavia could produce her own nuclear energy. Three scientific institutes had been set up and geological prospecting for new materials had yielded favourable results.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle





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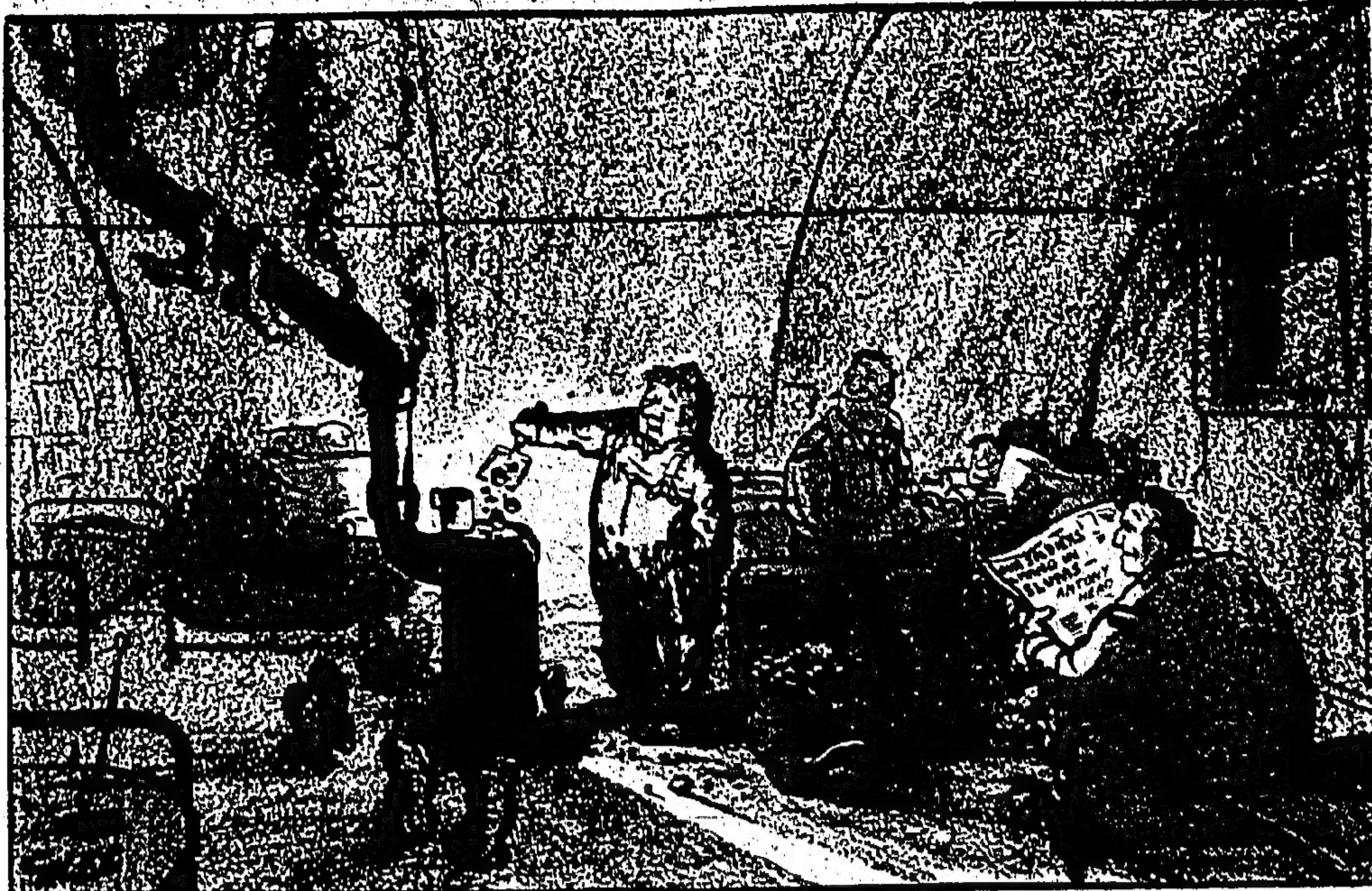
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Rubber-Stamp Brides Sigh For The Church

By **DENNIS BARDENS**

IT is any morning, almost anywhere in the USSR. In a dingy side street, jammed between buildings as prosaic as, say, a boot repair shop and a delicatessen, is a closed door starved of paint. A young couple stand outside it, studying the brass plate. The man is short, in his early twenties, looks self-conscious in an ill-fitting new suit. The girl, dressed in white, clings nervously to his arm.

"I hope they don't keep us waiting too long," she says, "because I've got to be back at work this afternoon."

"This is the place all right," says the young man. "In we go."

They push open the door, go through a musty passage and enter an office. There are a few chairs, a table covered with baize, walls covered with dark green paper, an electrolier of atrocious taste, and a huge indifferent reproduction of a vase of flowers, framed in a heavy gilt frame. At the baize-covered table sits a cheerful woman who might work in any office anywhere.

"I almost wish we'd had a church wedding," the girl whispers.

"Shshsh..." the young man hisses back. "We don't want trouble here! You know Komsomol members aren't allowed to get married in church!"

LONGINGS

THE woman Registrar reads the forms in a matter-of-fact way. "Husband... miner. Wife... stores assistant... Do you want to take your husband's name?"

"Yes!"

The Registrar hands her a rubber stamp. The bride stamps the documents—and she is a wife.

Sometimes, at these registrar office weddings, there may be a vase of flowers; a few offices have a radio gram and a few old records; and occasionally friends will play a record in a hopeless attempt to capture a little of the colour and dignity of a church service. Yet the romantic longings of couples in love can scarcely be satisfied by a ceremony so commonplace and unimaginative. It is not surprising, therefore, that despite all the atheistic propaganda of the Komsomol youth organisation, church weddings still remain a great attraction in the Soviet Union.

An article by Lev Oshanin in the Soviet Literary Gazette on March 18, 1954 referred to the indifference which young people feel towards Komsomol's incessant propaganda, and to the fact that some Komsomol mem-

bers sensibly get married in church, although they are supposed to be non-believers.

Oshanin said that at a meeting of the Pedagogical Institute at Vladimir he read out a new song he had written about a Komsomol marriage. It was taken as a criticism of the Institute, because:

"It appeared that a fourth year woman student, a Komsomol member, had recently married, in church, a fifth year student. A dispute arose as to who was to blame for this. Here for the first time Komsomol members spoke of the fact that such young men and girls, although they have formally accepted and memorised the Komsomol Charter, have not really accepted it wholeheartedly."

WORRYING

IN the Soviet Union, Oshanin explained, "there is freedom to believe or not to believe in God." The authorities, however, are displeased at the exercise of the former freedom and delighted if you indulge the latter. It is only failure to disbelieve which worries them. Oshanin concludes that the only way to counter the Church's attraction for people who want to get married is to brighten up the ZAGS ("departments for the registration of acts of civil status") as the registrar offices are called.

But there is something about a well-conducted church service which, even to the uninitiated, must touch the imagination and feed the instincts of idealism.

DORYA IN TROUBLE AGAIN

By **Robert Green**

Alexandria. BEAUTIFUL, fighting feminist Dorya Shafik is in trouble with the Egyptian police again. Later this month she appears in court on a misdemeanour charge: organising a rowdy political meeting without getting government approval.

But Dorya has been in trouble so often before—each time for basically the same reason—that she will not worry much about the latest charge.

In fact she will probably enjoy it.

For Dorya's name is legion among Egypt's under-privileged women. But she is opposed by most of the men.

MORE FREEDOM

All along she has been getting into trouble with authority, just because she thinks women should have more say about what goes on in the country, and should have a little more freedom from being bossed around by the men. The men have been doing the talking

ever since the days of the Pharaohs.

It started when she was a girl, when she left home and went to the Sorbonne university in Paris against her parents' wishes. They thought she should stay home and become one of the wives of somebody important.

But Dorya returned from France with a millionaire husband who also believed that a man should have only one wife. And she came back with a doctorate too.

Thirty-seven-year-old Dorya really started her campaigning for women when Cairo's Fouad al Awal University turned down her application for a lecturer's job. The Dean refused to let an attractive woman lecture male students.

So in 1948 she founded her 7,000-strong "Women of the Nile" movement, known locally as the Bint el Nil.

Dorya wanted votes for women, polygamy abolished, and divorce made legal with alimony provided.

Storms of male protest came from the 800-odd men who had four wives, the 111,000 who had

of men "flitting from wife to wife". The Baku Worker, central organ of the Communist Party of Azerbaijan, describes how the manager of a shop, Nasib Guseinov, had in the course of six or seven years married six different girls, leaving behind him a trail of children.

It is all too easy to contract a marriage at a ZAGS office. On May 14, 1954 described how, in the ZAGS at Astrakhan, a small under-sized youth of 16 entered with a buxom woman of 40. They asked to be married, and when it came to giving their addresses, it transpired they had the same address already. She was the manageress of a children's home and he an inmate.

FORGOT

APPLICATIONS in a ZAGS office must be completed five days before the registration. One man, on applying for registration, did not even bother to bring his bride with him. He produced her passport, saying: "She's too busy to come personally." It transpired that only three days previously he had applied to marry somebody else at the same office, but had changed his mind!

The same Trud article said that on another occasion a telegram had arrived at the Astrakhan ZAGS. It read, as follows:—

"Please inform me—was Rosa Saidovna Bukhmenova registered with me or with Gaganov in 1948. Telegram at my expense to 130, Naberezhnaya, Makhachkala—Said Molayev."

It is a sidelight on the impressiveness of a Communist registrar-office marriage that Comrade Molayev could not even remember whom he married six years ago!

HUNGER STRIKE

When she stood for parliament, her £150 deposit was returned with the note: "Only men have the right to stand for parliament."

In March last year she went on a hunger strike to get votes for women, was carried off to hospital, weak and ill, and only agreed to "cut" after General Naguib gave an oral promise that women would get votes under the new republican constitution.

But there is still no vote, and Dorya is still fighting. And people who know her know that she will keep on fighting.

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

FOR those who think the life of a communist is an earthly paradise and ask wonderingly "Is that all you do?" here is a diary of what happens to a lucky scribbler when his family is struck down by influenza, and domestic help has not arrived because of icy roads.

7 a.m.

Rise to make tea for the two invalids, who say they are so dry that their tongues are rattling in their mouths like pebbles. They are not exaggerating, either. Hoarse voices sound as if they have pebbles in their throats, too.

Downstairs meet Lottie the Devil Cat frightfully fit and howling for breakfast. Put kettle on and look in Lottie's stew pot for rabbit. She has eaten the lot and all.

Illness nobody has renewed supply. Offer Lottie cold bacon, breakfast cereals, bread and milk. All indignantly refused. Open a tin of her iron rations. This also refused. She is crazy for rabbit.

Explain to her that I am not a conjurer who can produce rabbits out of a top hat, even if I had a top hat, and even if I were eccentric enough to wear it in the kitchen at seven o'clock in the morning. Make note to brave icy roads, buy rabbit and cook it.

Also make tea and start perilous journey up dark stairs with tray. Why dark stairs? Because electric light bulb on landing has just expired.

This is hungry Devil Cat's opportunity for revenge. Weaving round my feet, she tries to trip me up in the hall. As I climb invisible stairs with tray she is always a jump ahead of me, sitting on the next step hoping I will make a false step and crash to the bottom.

Standing in the blackness, one foot on one stair, one foot on the other, the tray becoming heavier and tea pouring from the pot, I try feathery. I call her pretty pussy. I try bribery. I promise her unlimited rabbit, chicken, duck, turkey, turbot, salmon, and even a whale if she will only get out of the way.

Then I tread on her tail. She curses me, and I curse her back. Creaking, she pulls up in the bedrooms ask if I am killing the cat and why all this disgusting language.

When pebbles in both mouths have been dissolved by tea, I ask them how they feel. They both feel worse. Do they want any breakfast? No, they don't. I think splendid. I can read the papers and get on with my work.

8 a.m.

Upstairs at my desk one of the more frivolous papers tells me that Englishmen make poor lovers because 80 percent of them have had their tonsils out.

At first I don't believe it, but it appears that Innocente and Guido Calderoni, Italian brothers and throat specialists, have arrived at this conclusion after 20 years' research.

To quote Guido: "Lack of tonsils make Englishmen drink too much and make them indifferent to women. The removal of tonsils also takes away their masculinity, fighting spirit, courage, and stamina."

I am just going to ask how we managed in the last war without tonsils and if, by fighting spirit, Guido means on the battlefield or in the boudoir when tonsils remind me of my patients.

I have forgotten to take their temperatures and give them their medicine.

9 a.m.

Their temperatures are down, their medicines are wasted. They have swallowed orange juice, lemon juice, and more tea. But Lottie the Devil Cat has not swallowed any rabbit and the house rings with her yells of rage.

Let her yell. If I don't get on with the job I won't be able to buy her fish-heads, let alone rabbits.

So I am back at my desk reading a letter written to a newspaper by a woman who thinks there would be no more cash boys or Teddy boys if they all carried in their pocket-books photographs of their mums.

This looks like a chance to write a touching little bit about the devotion of nice boys and girls to their mums. In fact, I am trying to remember an exceptionally touching verse written by a daughter about a mum who had gone to heaven. I think it went something like this:—

The silver trumpets sounded, The Angels shouted "Come," The Golden Gates were opened, And in walked Mum. But the howls of Lottie the Devil Cat are too much for

me. I must drop everything, put on my boots, and slide down the street to buy rabbit. Also fish for invalids' lunch. Also more oranges, more lemons, and a hundredweight of tea if they want it every five minutes of the day.

10 a.m.

Rabbit bought and in the pot. Fillets of sole also bought and foolishly put on kitchen table instead of in fridge or some safe place.

While my back is turned Lottie the Devil Cat has paper off sole and is gnawing a fillet as if she had been starving for a week. Snatch fillet from Devil Cat. Devil Cat fights back with straight lefts and right hooks. Seems evident, she never had her tonsils out. After ding-dong battle save fillet and put rest of sole in covered dish. Tell Devil Cat her rabbit won't be ready till lunch time. If she can't wait iron rations are on the floor.

On the way upstairs invalids moan for more tea, orange juice, lemon juice. Back to kitchen squeezing oranges, lemons, and making large pot of tea.

Take refreshments up to patients and return to desk, where I read that during the five-year, to-one victory of Young England over Young Italy, Italian spectators were "weeping openly," which means, I suppose, without shame or embarrassment.

Although Italians have never been ashamed of weeping, what about those tonsils? Recapping on Innocente and Guido Calderoni, I remember they also said that Italians were virile and manly because most of them had been allowed to retain their tonsils. They also said that the wholesale removal of English tonsils was responsible for our poor showing at football and other sports.

After this I must ask was this match a victory of no tonsils over tonsils, and why Italian spectators, virile and manly with both tonsils intact, were observed crying like babies?

Also I must ask are Tyson and Statham with or without tonsils? Has Hutton had his tonsils out lately? Did the last Australian Test team play without a single tonsil between them?

I might have asked a lot more questions, but upstairs in the bedrooms there is a sound of groaning as if stomachs were in distress. Investigation shows that both patients have taken an over-dose of cough mixture containing ipecacuanha.

11 a.m.

Having a commotion, I think well, at least they won't want any refreshments for some time. So I can have another bash at the job.

But as I am returning to the desk there is a crash of broken crockery downstairs. I return to the kitchen to find that the Devil Cat has prised the lid off the covered dish with her powerful paws and is having another bash at raw sole.

I rescue two fillets and put them safely in the fridge. Also peel potatoes and put them on to boil.

Looking in to see if the invalids are still alive, I find them as white as the snow outside but with pulses ticking over.

MIDDAY

On my desk there is a letter from a Lancashire reader asking "Does a dog know its own dog?" Amplifying the question he asks further, "If you were to say to a dog 'What are you?' and a dog could talk, would it answer 'I am a dog or think it was something else?'"

Well, dear Lancashire reader, I must confess I don't know, though it must depend on whether a dog knows what a dog is.

As it is now time to cook what the Devil Cat has left of our lunch, I can do nothing to solve this problem at the moment except to appeal to all dog-readers to write to The Animal's Newspaper (edited by N. Gubbins, Esq.), giving their views.

To avoid disappointment order your copy in advance through N. Gubbins Esq.

1 p.m.

Lottie the Devil Cat's rabbit has boiled over. It has put the stove out, and a river of yellow gravy is running across the kitchen floor. The potatoes have also boiled over. There is a smell of gas everywhere.

The Devil Cat, full of gas, is asleep in an armchair. Or is she gassed? The invalids upstairs, full of gas, are also gassed.

At the moment I don't care who's gassed. I am off to the lavatory for a large Scotch-and-water and a sandwich.

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I am sure there will be few complaints at my decision to divide the Spot of Honour this week between two very different sorts of achievements. First of all, I take the unusual step of putting at the top of the Sports Parade 'Jock' Mullen, the ex-REME boxer, who gave us so many thrilling nights when he was serving in the Colony.

Mullen left Hongkong a few weeks ago, under the impression that he would be late to participate in the Scottish Amateur Boxing Championships. But a change of arrangements saw him flying from Singapore, being accepted as a late entry for his National championships, and making it a storybook finish by winning the Light Middleweight Championship of Scotland.

Sharing top billing with Mullen are the players of the 72 LAA, Regt. RA, who fought their way through to victory in the final of the Seven-a-Side rugby tournament and so won the coveted Blarney Stone Shield.

They were worthy and popular winners and now have the pleasure of seeing their name added to the list of winners immediately behind the illustrious Welsh Regiment, last year's holders.

HEALTHY RIVALRY

Football is very much in the soldiers' mind at the moment and there will be a great deal of healthy regimental rivalry at the Club Stadium today, when two Royal Artillery teams fight out the final of the Major Units Knock-out Competition.

25 Field Regiment will probably start as favourites but this will have little effect on the play of 27 HAA Regiment who have shown a particular liking for starting off as under-dogs in such affairs.

Army players Crowhurst, Kenny and Norris will be in the 25 Field Regiment line-up but they will have to be in their very best form if they are to overcome their regimental colleagues from across the harbour.

This game, to which admission is free, will start at 2.30 p.m. and there seems certain to be big support for both teams. Lieut. Stewart of the Essex Regt. will be referee and he will have able assistance from RSM Cabot of HQCF and Major Letch of HKCTU who will be running the lines.

Army boxers will again be in action at the MacPherson Stadium on Saturday evening when the energetic officials of the REME Colony Corps Boxing Team stage another Triangular Tournament. This time the participants will be drawn from 1st Bn North Staffordshire Regt., The Athletic Boxing Club of Hongkong, and of course from the REME team.

The bill is stated to be a most attractive one and special attention will be focused on the meeting of Sgt. Insir Weaver, the Land Forces Lightweight Champion, and local idol, Henry Wong. The Chinese boy has had a most successful season against service opponents and it will be most interesting to see how Weaver tackles the job of beating the clever and crafty Wong. The show starts at 8 o'clock.

NEXT MATCH

Their next match in this competition will take place at the Central Police Station against the swordsmen of the Hongkong Police. Starting time for this encounter is 8 p.m.

The Hongkong Sword Club will provide the opposition in next week's engagement at the European YMCA. This will take place on Wednesday, March 30, and once again the starting time is 8 p.m.

The eyes of all fencers are now fixed on the Colony Senior Championships which are scheduled to be staged as follows:

April 17, Colony Senior Epee Championship.

April 19-20, Colony Senior Foli Championship.

April 22-23, Colony Senior Sabre Championship.

The Army will be strongly represented when the HSA holds its annual Colony Individual Championships Meeting at Caroline Hill on Saturday and Sunday this week.

Ctn. Petrie will make Empire Games star Stephen Xavier run for his title in the 100 metres. In the 400 metres Lt. Sweeney will be a strong favourite to clinch the title and maybe, if conditions are suitable, establish a new Colony record for the distance.

The holder of the 800 metres title, Lt. Burch, will be all out to defend his present laurels against a strong field which includes Paddy McMahon who

won the event last year. Burch will also have tough opposition in the 1,500 metres when Lt. Cpl. Smith, who beat him in the Land Forces Cross Country championship, will be in action.

Smith is also entered for the 5,000 metres but special Army interest in this event will be centred on the 'Terrible Twins', Scott and Tulloch, from 173 Location Battery, R.A.

In the two hurdles events the Army will be prominently represented by Bell in the Low Hurdles and Mulvaney, the present holder, in the High Hurdles.

Seven teams are entered for the 4 x 100 metres and it looks as though the winners will come from among SCAA, HKAAC, and Army, while in the 4 x 400 metres Army, Police and HKAAC may have to battle it out to the bitter end to find the winner... again in a field of seven teams.

SURPRISE ENTRY

There is a somewhat surprising entry for the 1 Mile Walk. This is Grant, the Army boy who astonished everyone last year by winning the 5,000 metres run. According to reports Grant will get plenty of opposition to his new ambitions with names like Kennedy Skipton and Inspector Moss of the Hongkong Police in the entry list.

The Army will also be represented in at least one of the Ladies' events at Captain Garrard's entered for the 100 metres. Captain Garrard has had lots of experience in big events and was runner-up to Audrey Williamson, the Army Champion, on more than one occasion.

Well, all-in-all, this looks like being an excellent meeting and if there is any cause for disappointment it is surely in the cycling events where up to the week-end there were only three entrants.

Cycling has had such a burst of popularity in the Army that it is really a big surprise to find that the cycling events at the AAA meeting have been so poorly supported.

Army cricketers throughout the Colony will want to join with me in extending our sincere congratulations to the Kowloon Cricket Club on their winning of the Championship of the Senior Division of the Colony League.

Army North have fought them all the way but the good and consistent play of the Cox's Road team has taken them to a well deserved honour. There is a very close bond between KCC and the Army. The Club has always been most helpful in many ways in assisting soldier cricketers to get a game under decent conditions.

The success that has come to the side this season has brought great satisfaction to many places and we couple our current congratulations with a word of appreciation for the many services that this fine old club has rendered to Army cricketers and cricketers.

Well played KCC

Army motorcycling enthusiasts will pretty certainly make the trip to Shatin in goodly numbers at the week-end for the Annual Motor Cycle Gymkhana of the Motor Sports Club of Hongkong.

Service cyclists gave this event plenty of support last year and it is hoped... and anticipated... that they will be to the fore in the various competitions that have been organised for next Sunday's programme. The organisers promise plenty of good entertainment and enough riding to test the skill of the competitors.

The big thought in the minds of Army football folks at the moment is centred on the Junior and Senior Shield Finals against South China at the Club Stadium on Saturday.

The Army 'B' side which has enjoyed a most successful season must be regarded as having an excellent chance of coming

The French challenge is likely to be stronger this season than for a few years. That opinion is prompted by the belief that our three-year-olds are not up to the usual standard.

Whether or not that is so has still to be proved, and the French assessment probably arose because Tamerlane and Noble Chieftain failed to finish in the first six in the Prix Morny at Deauville in August.

There may be several French runners in the 2,000 and 1,000 Guineas, but it is unlikely that M. Marcel Bousac will be represented. "Those races come too early for me," said trainer Charlie Elliott. But plans have been made for some of the later races.

Altogether M. Bousac has 97 horses in training, of which 84 are with Elliott in the two stables, Villa Diebel and Villa Pharis, at Chantilly.

The severe weather has made early morning exercise out of the question. So the training schedule was altered, with the first lot going out at 12.30 and the principal ones between 2.30 and 3.00, by which time the frost has gone out of the ground.

ON THE MOVE
In that way it has been possible to keep the horses on the move and they are ready to step along as soon as conditions become more favourable.

There are 15 horses above three years of age in Elliott's team. Last year's Ascot Gold Cup winner, Elpenor, has wintered well and will again be trained for the Gold Cup.

So will Estrenador, who finished third in the St. Leger when still little more than a racehorse in the making. There are hopes that Estrenador will

Bruce Out Of Boat Race
London, Mar. 22.
J. N. Bruce, who had been rowing bow in the Cambridge University crew during their final preparation for next Sunday's race against Oxford University, has developed chicken pox and is out of the boat race.

His place this morning was taken by the President, D. K. Hill, who himself had to leave the crew when they were training at Henley because of the same complaint.

Coming within a few days of the race, however, the change cannot help Cambridge's chances and the crew today was confined to padding exercises in order that Hill could accustom himself to the boat again.

Oxford meanwhile rowed a stretch for which the record is two minutes and seven seconds, in two minutes and 11 seconds. It again showed that they are very far off the mark.—China Mail Special.

Olympic Participants

Saigon, Mar. 22.
South Vietnam has accepted an invitation to participate in the 1956 Olympics at Melbourne, it was announced here today.

Vietnam took part in the 1952 Olympics at Helsinki and the Asian Games last year at Manila.

Indonesia has also decided to participate, reported the Djakarta radio today.—France-Press.

BARTON SCORES KO VICTORY

London, Mar. 22.
Ron Barton, of London, unbeaten Light Heavyweight, who is considered one of Britain's best prospects, knocked out former Spanish Champion Ramon Martinez in the second round of their ten-round non-title bout at the Albert Hall here tonight.—Reuter.

out on top in the first match of the afternoon.

In the earlier meetings of the two teams this season Army beat South China 3-1 at Caroline Hill but South China got their revenge when they scored a narrow victory in the return tussle at Sookimpo.

There are many clever players in this 'B' side and even a couple led by skipper Jones, they will not go down without a great fight.

The Senior team has been sorely hit this season through many star players returning to the United Kingdom and it is significant that only four of the players who are available for Saturday's big match were in the side that opened the season. Nevertheless it would be wrong to think that this Army side can be taken lightly for all can be assured that they will fight every inch of the way.

Round the Stables with JAMES PARK

Bousac challenge will come late

★TODAY'S REPORT

The Bousac horses trained by Charlie Elliott

by JAMES PARK

to England, it will not be until late in the season.

The Bousac Derby hope is Olean, an own brother to the 1950 Derby winner Galcador. The colt had a setback last year and could not run. But he has wintered well and is doing good centring work. As he is still something of an unknown quantity, it may be best to await his first appearance before passing an opinion.

Arrial, an own brother to Coronation, is getting over a bad cough. He is likely to be trained for the French Derby and would be switched to Epsom only if anything went wrong with Olean.

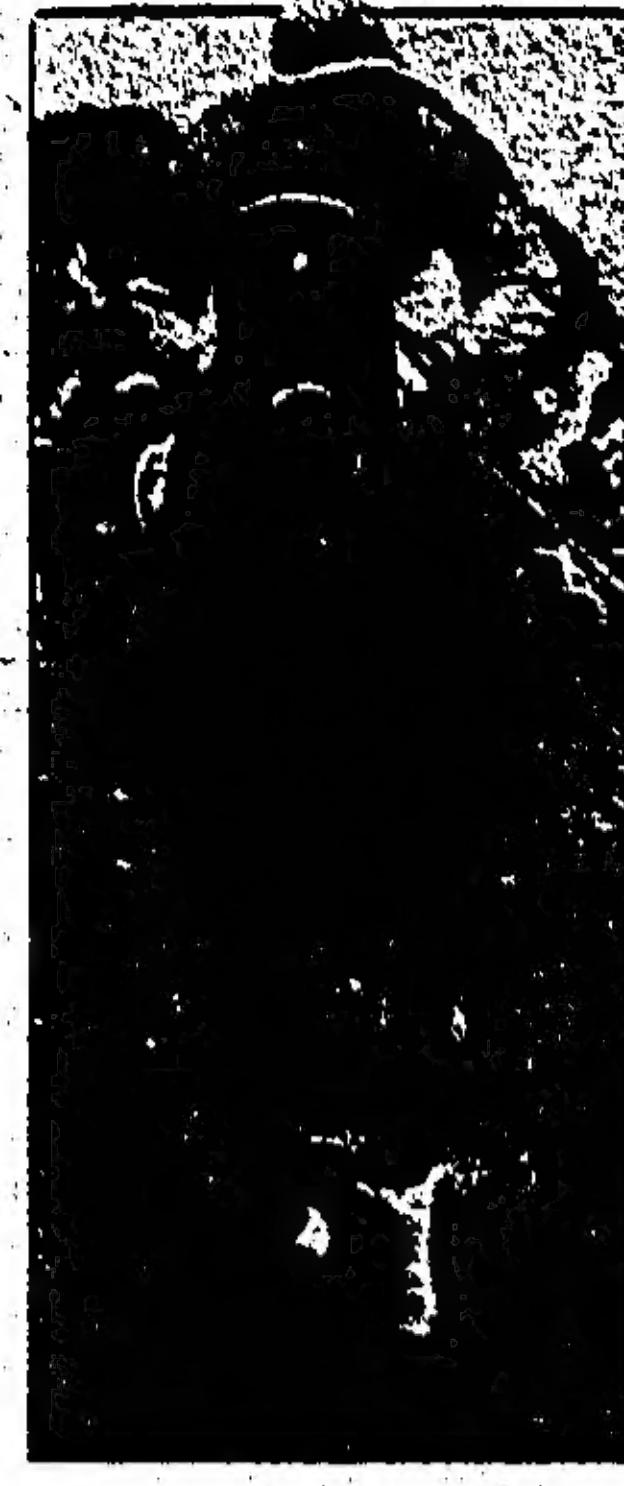
LITTLE IS KNOWN

Some store is set by the three-year-olds and several of them have still to run. Koulouba, an own sister to the Eclipse Stakes winner, Argus, boasts of quality. There is also much to like about Carabel, lovely daughter of Diebel out of the Pharis mare, Caramida, who won the Newmarket Oaks.

Little is known about the two-year-olds, as they have not yet been out of a canter. Several are such taking individuals that the trainers will be disappointed if they do not prove as good as they look.

One of the most attractive is Alcanor, a half-brother to Altana, by Galcador out of Palencia, by Pharis. He is a grand-looking colt with a touch of class.

I shall be interested in Floridos, who is by Diebel out



KARALI will make another Gold Vase bid at Ascot.

of that famous mare, Astronomie, the dam of Marquis, Caracalla, Arbar and Asmena. The two-year-old bears a resemblance to his own brother, Arbar, rather than to his other brother Estrenador.

The fillies, who outnumber the colts, are a grand-looking lot. I was impressed with Janari, who, if she fulfils expectations, will be trained for the Queen Mary Stakes at Ascot. She is own sister to Cordova II.

One who may not come to hand so early, but who is highly rated, is Apollonia, a beautiful filly by Diebel out of the Pharis mare, Corejada.

I would also like to mention Doxara, a stylish sister to Galcador and Olean. She is a filly of good quality and splendid action. Galmenia is a charming filly by Galcador out of the 1950 Oaks winner, Asmena.

This is an interesting pedigree and it is hoped the filly will live up to it.

Elliott has his horses in robust health and the Bousac colours may well be to the fore once more this season.

(London Express Service)

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

Why Not Oscars For The Best Re-makes?

Asks MICHAEL RUDDY

Beverly Hills.

There are Academy Awards for best acting, direction, writing and production. But why not an Award for the best re-makes? And if there ever is an Oscar for re-makes, the Brothers Warner will surely be contenders.

It seems that whenever there's a problem over a screenplay, readers dig into the storage rooms and bring out scenarios filmed 20 years ago, like "The Great Mouthpiece," once a Warren William starrer, now in the re-make stage with Edward G. Robinson as the lawyer, Nina Foch as the girl, Hugh Marlowe as the young district attorney, Albert Dekker as the gangster chieftain and the girl who currently boasts of Hollywood's biggest bust, Jayne Mansfield.

Vital statistics: 40-24-37.

Directing is Lewis Allen, a calm, placid man who looks like a character out of the screenplay. He's a Shropshire lad, directed "The Women" in London with Joan Greenwood playing a child. That was way back in '39. "I also directed 'Friede and Prejudice'.

"I was associated with Gilbert Miller before coming to America," said Allen, showing hat back on head, squinting through the camera at Mr. Robinson, who looked rather sad as he checked a scene rewrite. His script was multi-coloured, white, pink, and blue pages, indicated two rewrites.

AND ANOTHER

Across the road, another re-make in action, "The Jagged Edge" with Jack Palance and Shelley Winters, examining the roles played by Humphrey Bogart and Ida Lupino in 1940.

I watched Shelley get in the mood for a crying scene. She stopped on a bed, listened to mood music from the Liekeid from "Tristram and Isolde."

The set was quiet. Jack Palance paced about, also getting up steam for this emotional scene. Suddenly Shelley began to weep convulsively. Director Stuart Heisler motioned to Palance, cameras moved in, and Shelley wailed, "Don't send me away. If you do I want to die. I'm no good..." (word for word from the 1940 script).

She clung to Palance, tried to kiss him, but he moved her away. A hard stare to the floor. She gasped, he knees, wailed, "Don't send me away..." It will probably be the most lachrymose scene of the year.

"Young at Heart," with Frank Sinatra and Doris Day, is a re-make of "Four Daughters," a screenplay by Lenore Coffee, who wrote the script for Graham Greene's "End of the Affair" with Deborah Kerr and Van Johnson. "In 'Four Daughters,' we created a character for John

Garfield," says Lenore Coffee.

"It made him a star." Another re-make planned is "King's Row," which originally had Ronald Reagan and Ann Sheridan. This year's version will have Montgomery Clift, Eva Marie Saint, and possibly Frank Sinatra and Bob Cummings.

And the most expensive re-make of all last year was "A Star is Born." Warners hope you like it. There's over \$5,000,000 in that.

WHAT D'YOU KNOW?

Two small girls accompanied their movie-star mother to an expensive reducing salon in Hollywood. They impatiently sat in the waiting room while she took a lengthy treatment. Finally they peeped into the treatment room, watched fascinated while she wobbled and vibrated and jigged on the electro-mechanical table. And the elder seven, said to her sister, "What d'you know, Mother's doing the mambo-lying down."

Two more actors have entered the independent producers' ranks. Cornel Wilde, with his Theodora Productions, partner is his pretty blonde wife, Joan Wallace, and Frank Sinatra surprises. Joe. Frank's boy-gods he'll make five films in five years and "star in three of them." What about Mrs. Sinatra, that is, Ava Gardner? Will she be in any of them? The silence was deafening. Big laugh. No comment.

Since they sold their restaurant, "The Trellis" and the motel adjoining, Esther Williams and husband, Ben Gage, have gone into the do-it-yourself business with a plastic swimming-pool, you can build it in your own garden, if you have the room, the energy, the know-how—and the cash. Cost: \$2,240.

Esther's next film is "Back to Nature," which concerns a health resort for women, with lots of swimming, for me. Esther, told me, "Her last 'Jupiter's Darling' is a pleasant confession in colour, cinemascop, with pink

and purple elephants for good measure. It's good fun.

BETTER STAY HOME
I wonder why Hollywood cannot turn out comedies like the delightful "Genevieve" which I saw for the second time at the Academy Awards Theatre with Agnes Moorehead, Romney Brent, Robert Douglas, Jay Robinson, Bing Crosby, Ray Milland and Gary Cooper sitting in my row.

Kay Kendall made a wonderful impression. But I hope she stays in Britain. M-G-M brought Joan Greenwood here, wasted her great talent in a minor role in a period piece called "Moonfleet."

Joan Collins has a smart part in "Sir Walter Raleigh." There must be ten actresses here who could do the same part.

I recall too that Deborah Kerr had to battle long and hard before she got her release from her Metro contract, do "From Here To Eternity" and change.

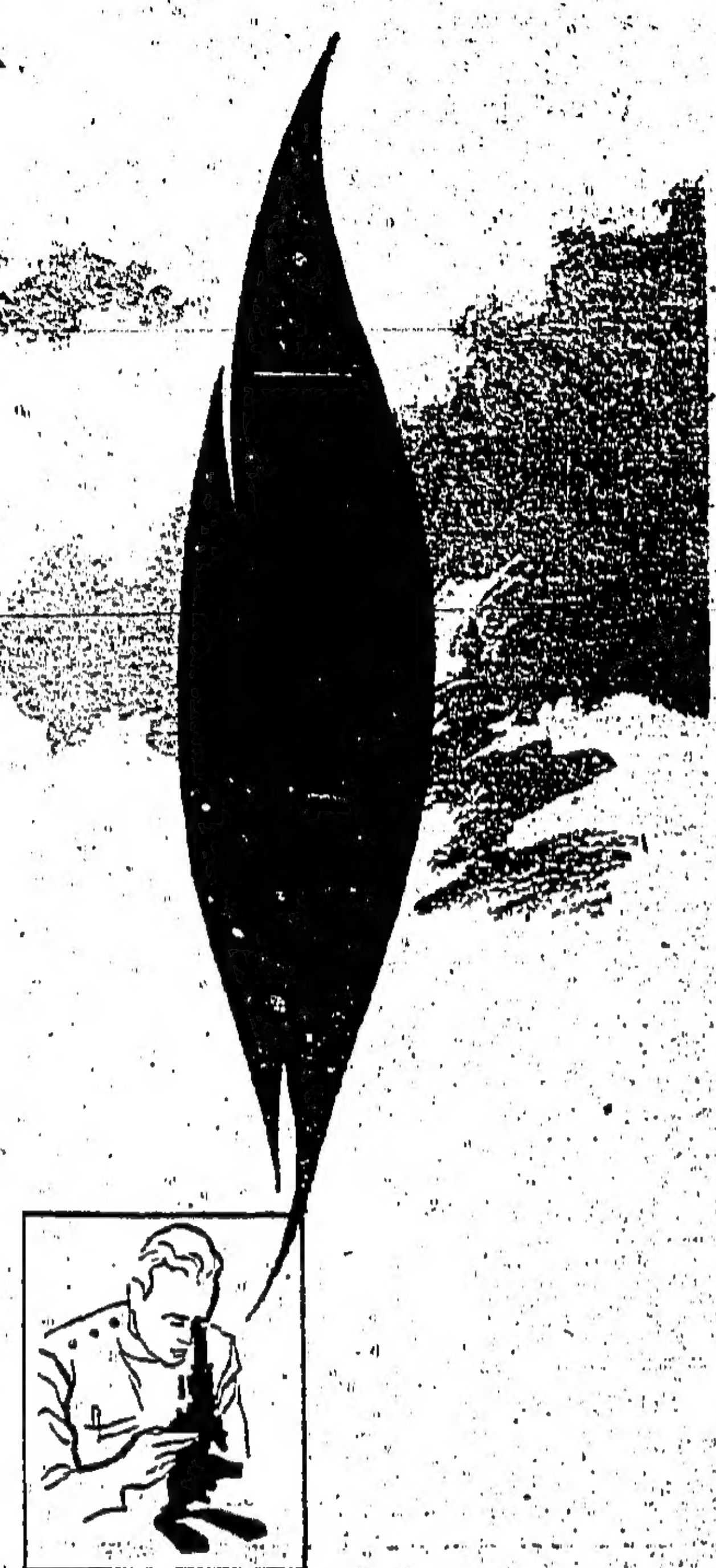
And Greer Garson! She now has engaged a Press-agent at \$600 a month to restore her to Press and public favour.

Trouser Linda Christian had to decline several offers of television shows and a series based on the radio programme done for two years by Marlene Dietrich. "If I did them," my earnings would put my husband, Tyrone Power, in a higher income tax level. And we'd both lose at the year's end," the practical Linda said.

Vic Damone told me that Pier Angel won't lose the baby as a result of the accident in the airplane, bound for Palm Springs. "But Pier will be on crutches for a month. She had two clean fractures of the pelvic bone. She'll be all right, thank God."

For art's sake, Rita Hayworth has had her hair cut into a short bob, so that she can comfortably wear the Egyptian wig for the part of Ptolemy's wife in "Joseph and His Brethren." But there is still no Joseph.

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The worst previous MATS crash occurred on November 28, 1952, when a C-54 transport crashed near McChord Airbase in Washington. There were 31 passengers and six crewmen killed.

Today's crash was the first for the MATS Navy Air Transport Squadron based at Moffett Naval Air Station in California. The Squadron was activated in 1948.

Marine Pfc Joseph T. Price, who was standing guard at an ammunition depot, said he saw the plane come roaring over the depot at an altitude of 500 to 600 feet. He said it barely missed hitting a 700-foot radio antenna.

LIGHTS ON

At that point the pilot turned on the plane's landing lights and apparently saw the ridge ahead. The pilot banked a sharp right, Pfc. Price said, but it was too late to avoid smashing into the mountain.

Pfc. Price said he looked up at the mountainside just as the plane hit and the valley below "lit up like daylight for about one minute." He said he could see the fire-burning fiercely for several minutes after the crash. —United Press.

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VEHICULAR FERRY

Owing to repairs to Piers, the Vehicular Ferry Service will be suspended as follows:—

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Franco-Saar Monetary And Customs Union

Paris, Mar. 22.

The agreement which joins France and the Saar in a monetary and customs union leading to economic union was published here today by the French Foreign Office.

The terms make it clear that the agreement does not contradict those which might result from the Franco-German agreements on the Saar, reached last October 23.

The principal points of the agreement signed yesterday by the French Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, and the Saar Premier, M. Johannes Hoffman, were:

1. French laws and directives of a statutory nature and applicable in the Saar on matters of currency, customs, indirect contributions and taxes on turnover, come into force on the same date in the Saar and France.

2. In customs matters, French laws and directives of a statutory nature are applicable in the Saar. Nevertheless the Saar may decree in agreement with the French Government specific penal directives.

3. The French customs administration is charged with ensuring the execution of customs services in the Saar. The end to be achieved is the establishment of a Saar customs administration placed under the authority of the French Directorate-General of Customs.

4. A French Director-General and a Saar Director will be appointed to head the customs administration in the Saar.

In matters of direct levies, taxes on turnover and assimilated taxes, French laws and directives of a statutory nature are applicable in the Saar save from certain exceptions now admitted.

If special circumstances in the Saar warrant it, special arrangements may be made in agreement with the French Government.

A "control-committee" is set up in the Saar to watch over the application of French regulations of credit and with

penalising failures to comply. It is composed of an equal number of French and Saar representatives and decisions are taken on a majority vote.

Trade agreements, treaties and agreements on monetary and customs matters concluded by France with third states will be applicable in the Saar. Representatives of the Saar will take part in negotiations of such agreements except where the Saar Government declines.

A joint committee is set up consisting of six members which give a majority ruling to settle differences between the two contracting parties on interpretation of the agreement. —Reuter.

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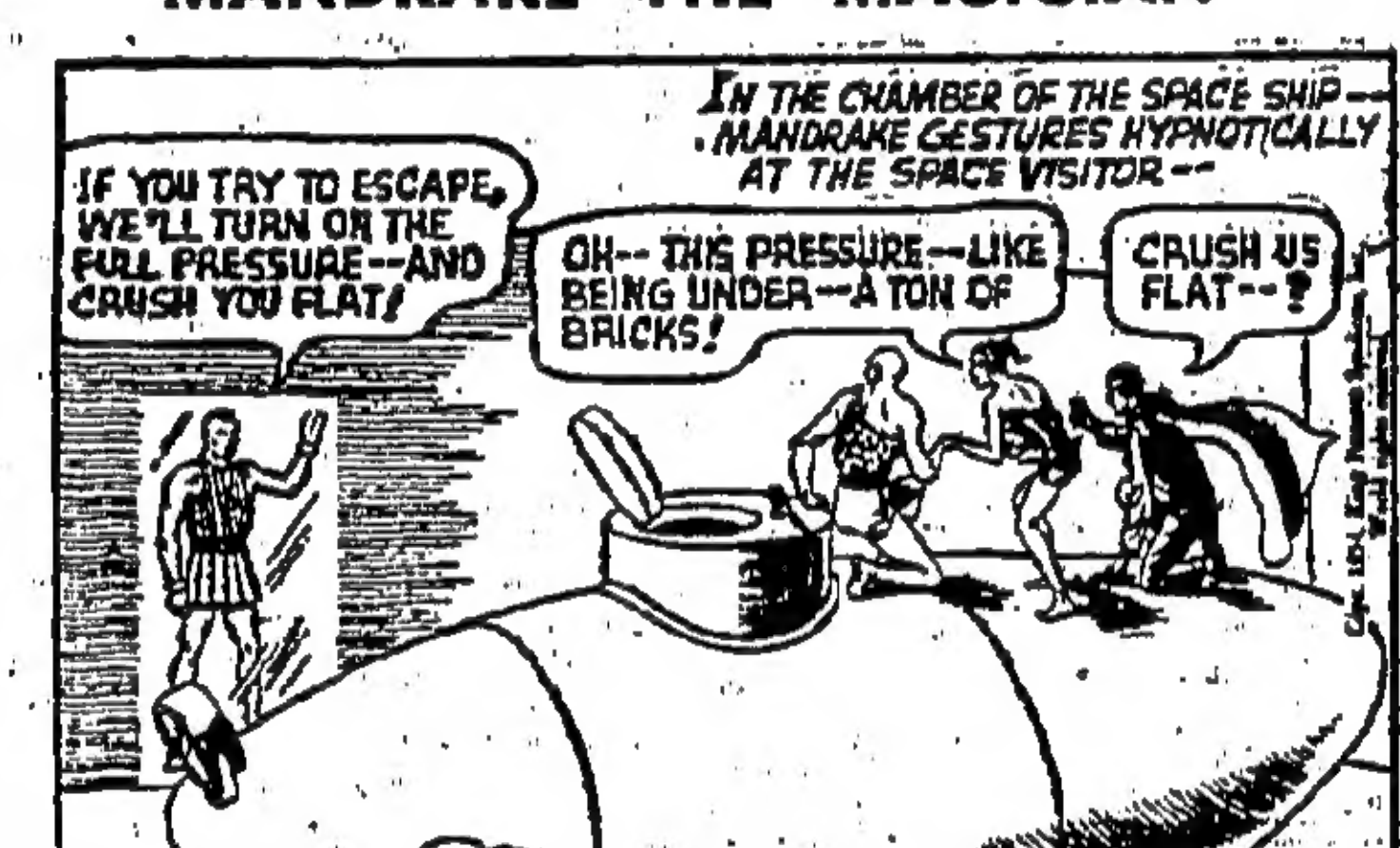
Heidelberg, Mar. 22.

An American mission in Potsdam has been informed by the Soviet authorities that an American helicopter which disappeared on March 17 has been found in the region of Westhausen in East Germany, the US Army headquarters announced here today.

The Soviet authorities did not give any further information. It was stated.

When the helicopter disappeared, it was carrying out a training exercise over Fuld in Hesse, West Germany. —France-Press.

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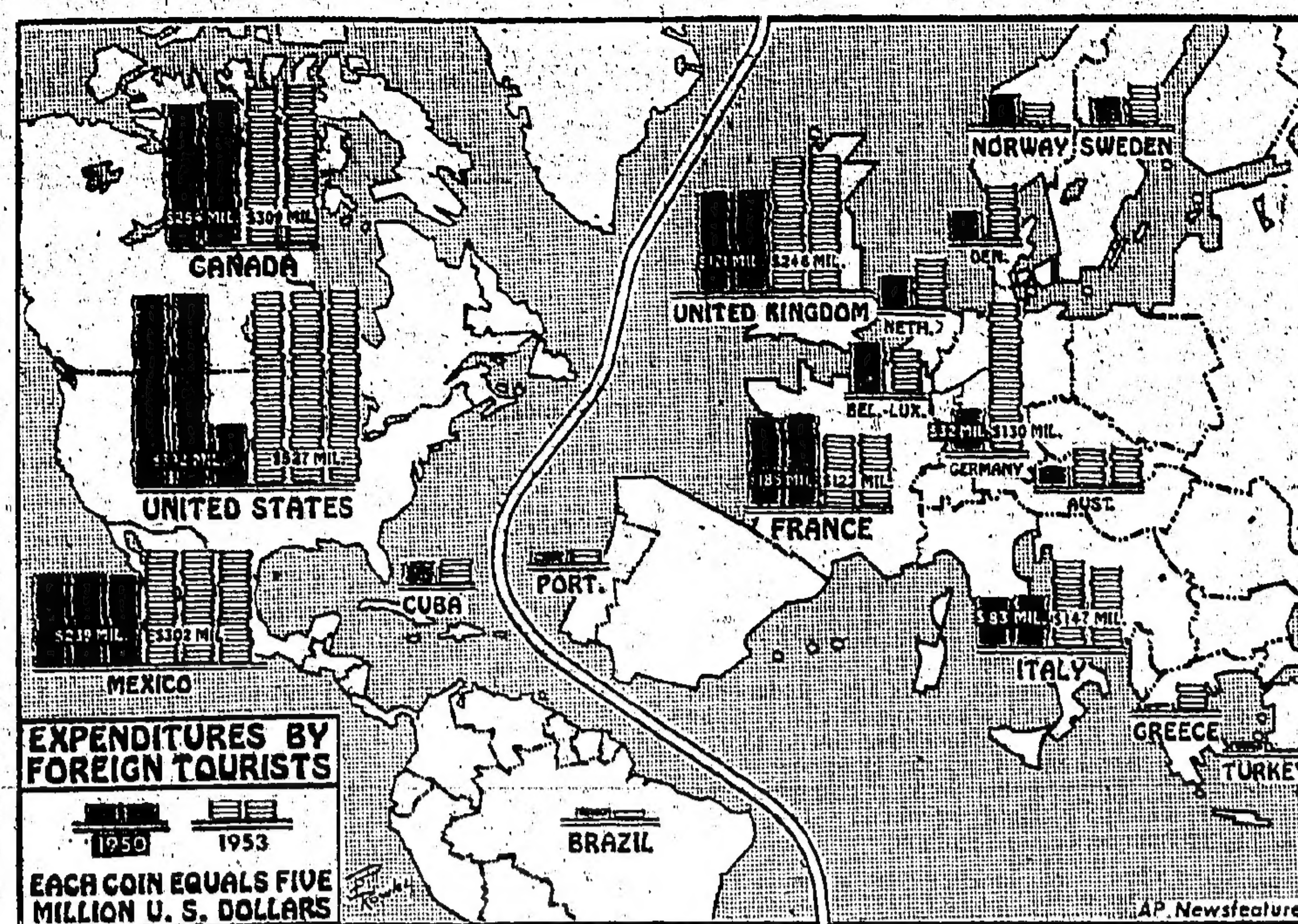
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US Earns More From Travellers Than Any Nation In The World

United Nations, N.Y.

Mar. 22.

The approach of another summer tourist season finds Uncle Sam plugging world travel.

The United States wants the United Nations and its members to give more encouragement to such travel as a help to all countries in making a living.

President Eisenhower is putting his weight behind this policy. It ties in with his campaign, in Congress and elsewhere, for lowering barriers to international trade.

The subject will come up in the spring session of the UN

By William N. Oatis

Economic and Social Council, scheduled for the end of this month.

In a paper prepared for the meeting, the US delegation says travellers from 41 countries spent the equivalent of \$2,450,000,000 outside their native lands in 1953. That's more than the yearly value of the world's trade in wheat and 31 per cent higher than the travel figure for 1950.

Although most US citizens probably think they hold the short end of the stick in the international tourist business, the United States earned more than any other nation in the 1953 travel trade, the latest year for which figures are available.

As the accompanying map shows, foreigners spent 527 million dollars in the United States that year, a 34 per cent increase over 1950. Canada was the second highest earner at 309 million, an increase of 21 per cent. Mexico was third, increasing its tourist revenue by 28 per cent to 302 million dollars in 1953.

On the other side of the Atlantic, the United Kingdom leads the parade with 246 million earned in 1953, up 43 per cent over 1950. Germany made the biggest gain of any nation, jumping a spectacular 308 per cent from 32 million in 1950 to 130 million in 1953.

France slid the most, its trade falling 34 per cent from 185 million to 122 million.

The delegation's report, based on figures from 41 countries supplying statistics to the International Monetary Fund, also gives money spent by nationals of various countries.

Besides being the biggest earner, the United States is the biggest spender. Its citizens parted with 895 million dollars in foreign countries in 1953. Other big spenders, in order, were Canada, 373 million; Britain, 241 million; Mexico, 140 million; France, 128 million; and Germany, 120 million.

None of the figures include fares paid to international steamship and air lines. The 41 countries providing information to the International Monetary Fund do not include Spain, or any of the nations behind the Iron Curtain.

US delegates point out that Britain, which spent almost a million dollars in the United States on travel promotion in 1953, makes more dollars from travellers than from any of its exports. They continue, however, that travel still "has not received the full official recognition it deserves."

So the US delegation is proposing that the council recommend this eight-point programme to the 60 governments in the UN:

1. Give more attention to international travel as part of economic development.
2. Back efforts of UN regional economic commissions to attract tourists to their areas.
3. Strengthen agencies promoting the tourist trade.
4. Offer incentives to investment in hotels and the like.
5. Encourage exchange of technical advice on tourist programmes.
6. Join in international agreements for easier customs inspections, international motorizing and so on.
7. Improve travel statistics.
8. Reduce restrictions relating to such things as visas, passports, travel taxes and exchange controls.

Emergency Proclamation For Algeria

Paris, Mar. 22.

The French Government tonight tabled before the National Assembly a draft bill calling for immediate proclamation of a state of emergency in Algeria for six months.

The bill, adopted by the Cabinet last night, will be debated in the National Assembly tomorrow.

It is designed to meet the situation caused by continued outlawry in Algeria, particularly in the rugged Aurès mountain region, where thousands of French troops have been rooting out outlaws since violence broke out all over the country last November 1. —Reuter.

Khrushchev Receives Envoy

London, Mar. 22.

Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party and regarded by some observers as the real ruler of Russia, today received the Indonesian Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Dr. Subandono, the news agency, Tass, announced.

This is the first time an official announcement has been issued about Khrushchev receiving an ambassador. —Reuter.

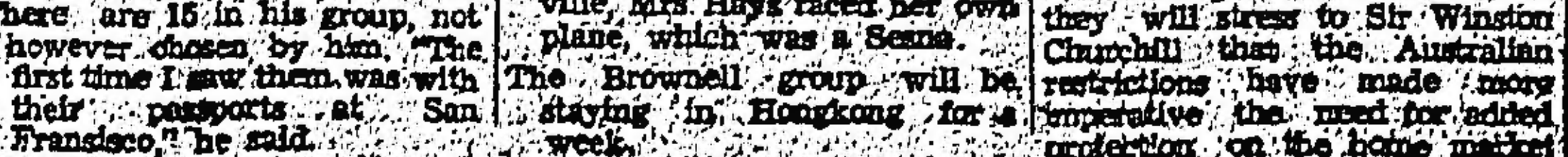


Two Months Gaol For RN Sailor

"They are really doing everything that it is possible to do," Mr Rhoades said.

One of the group, Mrs Ruby Hays, is an aviator, well known in the United States for her victory in the Powder Puff Derby last July. In this race, which is from Long Beach, California to Knoxville, Mrs Hays raced her own plane, which was a Beech.

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